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To File: USMX Utah, Inc., Dakota Mining, Co., Goldstrike Project, M/053/0005

From: Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Specialist *LK*

Subject: Notice of File Closure, USMX Utah, Inc. /Dakota Mining Company, Goldstrike Project, M/053/0005, Washington County, Utah

It is recommended that the referenced Notice of Intention to Conduct Mining Operations, located in Washington County, Utah, be closed and the files retired.

Reclamation was completed on this project in 1999. Vegetation has established that exceeds the ground cover of the surrounding area. The site is stable, and the post mining land uses of grazing and wildlife habitat have been re-established. It is a showcase of exemplary reclamation in arid areas of Utah.

There were excess funds from the forfeited surety that were used to do maintenance at the site (such as repairing fences), monitoring water quality from the leach pad discharge, installing a leach field drain to handle future leach pad waters once water quality standards were achieved, and making wildlife improvements (adding guzzlers to provide water for wildlife). Additional money remains in this account, and it may still be used for maintenance or habitat improvement.

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